

MINUTES

— OF THE —

~~THIRTY~~ THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

PLANTERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS CO., ALA.,

Thursday and Friday Sept. 15th and 16th, 1887.

OFFICERS:

A. J. BROOKS, MODERATOR	Verbena, Ala.
T. M. HENLEY, CLERK	Randolph, Ala.
K. WELLS, TREASURER	Verbena, Ala.

The next session will be held with Verbena Church, Chilton County, Ala.,
on Friday before the first Sabbath in October 1888.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS,

1. Introductory Sermon preached.
2. Intermission, one hour, for dinner.
3. The Moderator called the Association to order.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Rules of Decorum read.
7. Ministers who are not Messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new churches.
9. Correspondents received and returned.
10. Appoint Committees on—
 - (a) Preaching.
 - (b) Letters and Documents.
 - (c) Missions.
 - (d) Bible Schools.
 - (e) Education.
 - (f) Temperance.
 - (g) Periodicals.
 - (h) Deceased Ministers.
 - (i) Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
 - (j) Finance.
 - (k) Special.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjourn.
13. Reassemble.
14. Roll Call.
15. Previous Minutes read.
16. Reports of Committees in the above order.
17. The Committee on Preaching to appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon next session.
18. Miscellaneous Business.
19. Treasurer's Report.
20. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

1 The Unity Baptist Association assembled in its Thirty-Third Annual session with the Plantersville Baptist church, Plantersville, Dallas county, Alabama, on Thursday, 10 A. M., September 15 1887.

2 The Moderator read 146 Psalm. Prayer by Eld. A Andrews.

3 Elders W J Ruddick and W N Huckabee read the letters from the churches.

4 Following is the enrollment of the names of messengers:

Evergreen—W A Overstreet, J L Caffee, A D Caver.
Cornith—Letter but no representation.
Valley Creek—†J W Mitchell, T M Crook, T A Gay.
Shiloh—W I Mullins, A S Scott, F M Powell.
Randolph—*H W Watson, T M Henley, J O Butler.
Pleasant Grove—†T N Lawrence, James Latham, J H Shultz.
Mt. Carmel—C W Klenner.
Shady Grove—*A Andrews, O Moore, C A Arnold, S O Stevenson.
Harmony—G W Taylor, C E Golson, C H Morgan.
Mt. Zion—Oliver Mullins, James Linzee.
Fellowship—J R Hooks, Thomas Donegan, Eddie Terry.
Plantersville—*W N Huckabee, P M Moore, Rufus Walker, D M Martin.
Autaugaville—O W Sherer.
Ebenezer—*W J Ruddick, †J M Kailen, J A Stephens.
Verbena—*L G Skipper, W B Strock, H W Caffey, K Wells, A J Brooks, S J Strock, W R Holder.
Chestnut Creek—*Hardy Jones, J E White, F R McCary.
Chestnut Hill—W M Price.
Friendship—Letter but no delegate.
Bethel—James Hill, J H Moore.
Pilgrim's Rest—J A Rawlinson.
Sardis—Lee Hayes, W L Hayes, †A G Patrick.
Big Springs—Wm Willis, W W Carter.
Collins' Chapel—G W Mims, G W Martin.
Providence—E H Parrish, E Roberson.
Cane Creek—G W Goer, Joseph Goer.
Mulberry—D A White, J L Williams.
Bethesda—J S Poole, G W Smith, M P Wallace.
Liberty—J N Cook.
Bozeman—*J Falkner, no letter.
Mt. Olive—R S Ham.

Beth Salem--†E L Manning, H B Wilkins.
 Clanton--J H Chandler.
 New Prospect--G W Coburn.

*Ordained ministers.

†Licentiates.

5 Roll was then called and corrected.

6 Elder J. Falkner was recognized as a delegate from Bozeman church.

7 On motion of Elder W. N. Huckabee the rules were suspended, and the former officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz: A. J. Brooks, T. M. Henley and K. Wells, Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, respectively.

8 Ministers, not messengers, were invited to seats.

9 On motion the usual courtesies were extended to Rev. J. O. Noble, the Methodist minister at Plantersville.

10 Elder J. Falkner explained that on account of the absence of the former clerk of Bozeman church from home, and having no access to his books, his church was without a letter. The former clerk would return this week, and he asked for further time to prepare the letter, and that he be permitted to forward same to clerk of the Association; granted.

11 Under the call for new churches to unite with this Association, Mount Olive church responded. On motion, she was received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her messengers who were present.

12 Rules of decorum were read by Brother J. M. Kailen.

13 Elder W. N. Huckabee at this point delivered an address of welcome to the Association, on behalf of Plantersville church, which was responded to by the Moderator.

14 Brother C. W. Hare was recognized in his capacity as Editor of the Alabama Baptist.

15 Correspondence received from sister Associations, as follows:

Shelby—Elders W. C. Cleveland, J. M. McCord and W. J. Elliott, and Brethren R. H. Pratt and H. C. Reynolds.

16 Returned correspondents, as follows:

Shelby—Elders H. W. Watson and J. Falkner and Brother J. L. Williams.

East Liberty—Elder J. Falkner.

Mulberry—Elder H. W. Watson, Brethren J. M. Kailen, H. W. Caffey, J. L. Williams, A. J. Brooks.

State Convention—Elders J. Falkner, H. W. Watson, A. Andrews, W. J. Ruddick, W. N. Huckabec, J. M. Selman, J. M. Kailen, P. M. Moore, H. W. Caffey, T. M. Henley, W. R. Holder, A. J. Brooks, G. W. Taylor, J. W. Mitchell.

17 On motion, adjourned till 2 p. m. Reassembled, and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder W. H. Watson.

18 Committees to report this session were announced by the Moderator as follows:

On Preaching—Elder W. N. Huckabee and Deacons of Plantersville Church.

On Letter and Documents—W. I. Mullins, J. H. Chandler, J. O. Butler.

Deceased Ministers—J. L. Williams, Hardy Jones, O Moore.

Periodicals—W. J. Ruddick, M. P. Wallace, J. H. Shoultz.

Aged and Infirm Ministers, Etc.—G. W. Taylor, W. Willis, E. H. Parrish.

Finance—H. W. Caffey, W. W. Carter, D. A. White.

Special—H. W. Watson, Oliver Mullins, J. A. Stephens.

19. Committees to report next session to be announced tomorrow.

20. The Executive Committee then made their report through Bro. Stock. Report was adopted. Same Executive Committee was continued for next year, viz: A. J. Brooks, K. Wells, J. Falkner, Hardy Jones, L. G. Skipper.

21 Report on Missions was read by Elder W. J. Ruddick. Discussed by Elders W. C. Cleaveland and A. Andrews.

22 The regular order was suspended in order that the letters from New Prospect and Clanton Churches might be read, which was done.

23 Report on Missions resumed. Discussion by Elders J. Falkner and W. J. Ruddick and Brethren J. M. Selman, N.

26 On motion of G. W. Taylor, a collection for missions was ordered to be taken up at conclusion of services to-night.

27 Committee on Preaching reported Dr. W. C. Cleveland to preach in pulpit to-morrow morning at 11 a. m., Elder J. M. McCard, alternate; 7:30 p. m. to-morrow, Dr. J. M. Frost, Elder W. J. Elliott, alternate; Elder W. J. Ruddick to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. first day of next session, Elder L. G. Skipper, alternate; Elder J. Falkner to preach the Missionary Sermon at next session.

the name of Chestnut Creek Church in place of Verbena Church. The amendment was accepted by the committee. Carried. Report discussed by Elders J. Falkner, N. W. Watson and Brethren J. M. Kaieln, W. B. Strock and O. W. Sherer. Report as amended was adopted.

J. Brooks, (J. Falkner in the chair) K. Wells and A. W. Sherer. Adopted.

24. On motion of Elder Falkner, a committee of three was appointed to recommend to the churches the amount to be raised by them, respectively, for ministerial education, and for missions for the next Associational year. Committee: C. H. Morgan, John Parnell and J. E. White.

25 Report on Sabbath Schools was read by Elder H. W. Watson. Elder Hardy Jones moved to amend by inserting

28 Bro. J. M. Kailen said he had some good religious books which he would like the brethren to look at, for the sale of which he was agent, and he hoped to take some orders for them.

29 On motion of Elder Falkner, after prayer by Dr. Cleveland, adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

30 Thursday night, 7:30 p. m., Elder J. Falkner preached from the 46-47-48 verses of last chapter of Luke. Amount collected \$8.60

Friday 9 A. M., September 16, 1887.

31 The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Brother Kailen stated that Brother G W Mills, the pastor of Plantersville

church, was prevented from attending the session of the Association on account of the severe illness of his son. Prayer was offered by Elder W J Ruddick.

32 Miscellaneous business being in order, Brother Caffey stated that he had been requested by Dr Cleaveland to say that he would be unable to fill the appointment assigned him to preach at 11 A. M., to-day on, account of the death of a member of his family, which would necessitate his leaving Plantersville on the South bound train due about the hour for preaching.

33 Brother K Wells stated that he had on hand a great many vouchers which had been turned over to him at former sessions of the Association, and there would be more turned over to him at this session and they were of no use, and he thought some disposition of them ought to be made. On motion of Elder Falkner, Brother Wells was instructed to destroy all old vouchers, and when the minutes of this session were printed, to destroy the vouchers turned over to him at this session. Regular order then taken up.

34 Committees to report next session:

On Missions—L G Skipper, J Falkner, O W Sherer.

On Sabbath Schools—W N Huckabee, J H Chandler, F R McCary.

On Education—W J Ruddick, C A Arnold, Joseph Goer.

On Temperance—J O Butler, G W Coburn, R S Ham.

On Family Training—H W Watson, H W Caffey, Hardy Jones.

35 Report on Education was read by Elder L G Skipper. Discussed by Elders L G Skipper, W N Huckabee, W C Cleaveland, W J Ruddick, J Falkner, C W Hare, and Brother J M Kailen. Adopted.

36 Report on Temperance was read by Elder J Falkner. Discussed by Elder Falkner and Brother W B Strock. The regular order was here suspended in order to recognize some brethren who had just come in.

37 Brother T S Bowen was recognized as a member of

Selma Association and also as a member of the State Mission Board.

38 Report on temperance resumed. Discussion continued by Elder C W Hare and Brother C W Sherer. Adopted.

39 Leave of absence was granted Brother O W Sherer.

40 The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, a short intermission was taken, at the expiration of which Elder J M McCord preached from a part of 16th verse 1st chapter of Romans. At conclusion of sermon, on motion, adjourned till 2 P. M.

41 Reassembled at 2 P. M. Sang "O I am so happy in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. J O Noble.

42 Miscellaneous business being in order, on motion of Elder A Andrews speeches were limited to five minutes.

43 On motion of Elder Watson, when this body adjourns at the close of this session, it adjourns to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October 1888.

44 On motion of Brother T M Henley the thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered to Mr Thomas Driscoll, of Plantersville, for his kindness in furnishing pens, ink, paper &c, for the use of the Association.

45 Regular order was then taken up.

46 Report on Letters and Documents was read by Brother W. J. Williams. The clerk stated that when he distributed the minutes November 8th, 1886, he made out a list of the churches, their clerks, postoffices, number of copies each was entitled to, etc., and as he distributed and delivered to the postoffice, he checked off. The memorandum which he held in his hand, showed each church checked off; report adopted.

47 Report on Periodicals was read by Elder W. J. Rudick.

Discussed by Elder Falkner, who advocated the claims of the Foreign Mission Journal; Elders C. W. Hare and A. Andrews, who advocated the claims of the Alabama Baptist, and Elder Skipper, Brother Wells, and others, who spoke of the report, generally; adopted.

48 Report on Deceased Ministers was read by Brother J. L. Williams; adopted.

49 Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers and families of deceased ministers, was read by Brother G. W. Taylor.

On motion of Elder W. N. Huckabee, the report was amended by including the name of Elder C. C. Billingslea, sr.; report as amended, adopted.

50 Regular order was suspended to take up business that could be transacted.

51 Report of special committee was read by Elder H. W. Watson.

Discussed by Elders W. J. Ruddick, Huckabee, H. Jones, McCord, Skipper, Hare, and Brethren Morgan and Poole. Some amendments looking to a change in the time for the meeting of the Sabbath School Convention were offered, but were lost.

Elder J. Falkner offered an amendment, which was accepted by the committee.

Report as amended, was adopted. (See report.)

52 Miscellaneous business was next in order.

Brother A. J. Brooks (Elder J. Falkner in the chair) by request, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted :

53 WHEREAS, It is the opinion of a large number of the brethren composing the Unity Association, that our Association covers too much territory ;

Resolved, That the various churches composing this Association be requested in their letters sent up at our next session, to state whether or not they are willing for our Association to be divided, and Swift creek to be the line.

54 Elder L. G. Skipper made some remarks explanatory of the Sunbeam Societies.

55 Report on Finance was read by Brother H. W. Caffey. Adopted.

On motion of Elder J. Falkner, the Clerk was authorized to change the Report of the Finance Committee, and the Treasurer's Report to make them correspond with the statistics to be sent to the Clerk by Elder J. Falkner, from Boze-man church.

56 On motion of Bro. W. B. Strock, the sum of \$65.00 was appropriated to the Clerk to pay for printing and distributing 900 copies of the Minutes and his services. Residue of fund \$23.45, to be turned over to Cor. Secretary of State Mission Board without instructions.

57 Committee on Apportionment made their report through Bro. C. H. Morgan. Remarks were made by Elders Skipper and Ruddick and Brethren Morgan, Caffey, Kailen, and Henley. Report adopted.

58 The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted.

59 The following resolution offered by Bro. H. W. Caffey was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Planterville and surrounding community, and the brethren and sisters of Planterville Church, for their kind and generous hospitality.

60 Elder Huckabee stated that a telegram from Dr. Frost announced that he would not be here to-night. It was decided to have no preaching to-night.

61 Roll called and absentees marked.

62 Minutes were read and approved.

| 63 On motion of Elder Huckabee, the condolence of the Association was unanimously tendered Bro. G. W. Mills and family.

64 Bro. C. W. Hare returned his thanks to the Association for the courtesies extended to him as Editor of Alabama Baptist.

65 Any unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act.

66 The business of the session being disposed of, after some remarks by the Moderator, the Association sang "Shall we gather at the River," united in prayer with Elder A. Andrews, then adjourned to meet with the Verbena Baptist Church, Verbena, Chilton County, Ala., on Friday at 10 a. m. before the first Sabbath in October, 1888.

T. M. HENLEY,
Clerk.

A. J. BROOKS,
Moderator.

Time and place of meeting of the Assocional Sabbath School Convention: At Chestnut Creek Baptist Church, Coopers Station, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before 1st. Sabbath in August, 1888.

Committee on Programme: L. G. Skipper, Hardy Jones, P. C. Dennis, who will report proceedings of Convention to Committee on Sabbath Schools to be embodied in their report at next session of Association.

Times and places of District meetings:

1st. Harmony Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th, Sabbath in October, 1887.

Committee on Programme: W. A. Overstreet, J. L. Caffey, J. S. Poole, C. H. Morgan.

2nd. At Bozeman Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th. Sabbath in January, 1888. Committee on Programme, pastor and deacons of Bozeman Church.

3rd. At Clanton Baptist Church, beginning on Friday, before 5th Sabbath in April, 1888. Committee on Programme. Pastors and deacons of Clanton Church.

4th. At Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th. Sabbath on July 1888.

Committee on Programme: Pastor and deacons of Mt. Carmel church.

Programmes of S. S. Convention and District meetings to be published in Alabama Baptist one month before these meetings are held.

DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

First	Second	Third	Fourth
Autaugaville..	Beth Salem.....	Cane Creek.....	Collins Chapel.
Bethel	Big Spring	Chestnut Creek.....	Chestnut Hill.
Bethesda	Bozeman	Clanton	Ebenezer.....
Evergreen.....	Friendship.....	Corinth.....	Mt. Carmel...
Fellowship.....	Liberty.....	Mt. Zion.....	Mulberry.....
Marmony.....	New Prospect.....	Poplar Springs.....	Pleasant Grove
Mt. Olive....	Shiloh.....	Providence.....	Pilgrims Rest
Plantersville	Verbena		Randolph.....
Shady Grove.			Sardis
			Valley Creek...

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1887.

The committee has had but one session during the year, at which time it

was resolved that the Committee through its Chairman correspond with the Secretary of our State Board, asking the Board to supplement at least fifty dollars to sustain a pastor at Autaugaville Church, for one Sabbath in each month. This work began in March, the Board sending Brother Ruddick to the work. The Board supplemented fifty dollars to his support, requesting the church to help support him. Brother Ruddick reports the church promises twenty-five dollars and that the work is hopeful.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BROOKS, Ch'n.

REPORTS ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Letters and Documents beg leave to report.

On examining the letters from the churches we are sorry to note that but a small number of the churches have had revivals.

We find that eleven of our churches report no Sabbath Schools.

We are sorry to note that only nine of our churches report prayer meetings. We earnestly recommend that every church have a regular prayer meeting at least once a month. We find that Beth Salem church has licensed Brother E. L. Manning to preach the gospel.

Verbena church asks for the Association next year. We so recommend it.

We find that the work begun at Autaugaville, is hopeful. Therefore we recommend the work be continued another year.

All of our churches are represented this session, either by letter or delegates, except Friendship and Poplar Springs.

We recommend that Mt. Olive church be placed in the 1st. District.

Some of the churches complain of not getting their minutes. We recommend that minutes be distributed according to the amount sent up for that purpose.

W. I. MULLINS, Chairman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Mission work continues to grow each year, and therefore a corresponding increase in contributions is necessary to meet the demands of the increasing work. In order to get this increase each year, it requires regular contributions from the membership of our churches, and earnest action and prayerful work by the pastors of our churches. It is true that many of our members are still opposed to this part of the Lord's work, but as pastors are faithful, the members are being trained "in this grace also," that of giving as God, has prospered for the Lord's cause.

In our own State the demand for men and means are great. New railroads are being built, new villages, towns and cities are springing into existence; our people are leaving the country and flocking to the centers of population and industry. It is the work of our State Board to look after these new places as well as the destitution in our State. Our corresponding secretary is now free to travel all over the State, and he sees the needs, knows the men who can and are ready to meet these needs, and sees also, that every dollar is wisely expended. He reports the demand for Mission Work in Alabama greater than ever before. In our own Association the State Board is assisting the church at Autaugaville.

The work of the Home Board is also increasing. Last year the Board had 251 missionaries who baptized 3,923 persons. The Board has the work in the Island of Cuba in charge. God is blessing the labors of the Baptists in that Island, many are being converted and baptized; towns and cities are asking for the missionaries and the Bible. The work of the Foreign Board is also increasing in Africa, Italy, China, Brazil and Mexico. It employs

116 missionaries, native and foreign, who report 228 baptisms. In China we are receiving great encouragement. The government has ordered that the missionaries are not to be molested, and the people are asking for the gospel as never before. More men and women are asked for. They are ready to go when the means are supplied. From Mexico the reports are good. Our missionaries are usually well received, though they sometimes get hard usage.

As stated at the outset, this increase of work demands an increase of our contributions. Are we as followers and lovers of Jesus going to let the opportunities go by without taking advantage of them? Are we going to let these earnest cries for help be heard unheeded? Let us organize our churches, systematize our work, use the envelopes in our collections, giving each member an opportunity to give as God has prospered.

We are asked by the State Mission Board to contribute for all objects, except ministerial education, \$700 from 266 members.

May the spirit of Him who said it is more blessed to give than to receive, persuade the churches and members of this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

W J JUDDICK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Bible Schools, report the following:

That while this body speaks and writes favorably of, and concerning them, but very little real work is bestowed on such schools. This is surely true, if we judge from the annual reports sent up from the churches composing our body, and from this state of things we infer that in seeking for the cause that leads to this result, we can trace it very easily to the neglect of the study of the Holy Scriptures. David in the CXIXth Psalm, 129 and 130 verses thus writes: "Thy testimonies are wonderful; therefore, doth my soul keep them," "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple." God's word, as a whole, are his testimonies, and the professor of religion that fails to make that word his daily study can not make much progress in the Christian life.

We read in John's gospel, Chapter I, verse 1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," and in failing to study God's word, we fail to study Him, fail to enquire of Him at His Throne of Mercy; and fail to find Him, therefore, fail to find Christ, for the Father and Son are one. (See John, Chapter V, verse 30,) and thus failing remain in ignorance, and remaining in ignorance we continue in rebellion against God; have no love for Christ, His church, or His people. How different this is from the true Christian. (See Psalm XIXth, verses 9, 11, 14, 103, 104, 105, 111, 140.)

Bible schools endeavor to teach the Scriptures to old and young; and what an aid we find here to family training. We can not train without Bible knowledge. In short, what do we know of God, of the work of His gospel outside of the Bible? We answer, nothing. Bible schools then, are valuable in directing the minds of our children in the right way, the Way of Life, and is a sure defense against the impure literature of the day, the dime novels that poison the hearts of our children. It is not saying too much when we declare that impure reading is doing more to corrupt the minds of our young people, than any other causes.

How valuable then, are our Bible schools? How faithfully should we engage in their instructive service? How hard should we strive to keep them in existence, to hold them on every Sabbath, to urge old and young to attend them, to pray for them, and for all who engage in the work.

If the suggestions herein set forth are true, it follows that Bible schools are a necessity, because they tend to a higher type of piety in our churches,

a higher grade of knowledge and more fitness for the work to which we are called in the vineyard of the Master. They further tend to keep our churches open each Lord's Day for religious worship, will keep God's people attached to his sanctuary, the sacred precincts of his temple will grow more and more desirable to us, and become to us holy ground, a sacred spot, a place of rejoicing in the presence of God.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. WATSON, Chairman.

ADDITIONAL REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report :

The Sunday School Convention held its last session with the Randolph Baptist church on the 10th of August last. The following subjects were discussed :

- 1 How to study and teach the Word.
- 2 What is success in Sunday school work.
- 3 The qualifications of superintendents and teachers.
- 4 Is it the duty of Sabbath schools to contribute to missions.
- 5 Should the School be under the control of the church, and should our principles be taught ?
- 6 Duty of school in looking after the poor and bringing them into the school.
- 7 Is it the duty of Associations to organize a Sunday School Convention ?

It was recommended by resolution that the next session of the Convention be held with the Verbena Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MORGAN, Ch'man.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee note with pleasure the rapid progress of education all over our country. It seems that we are upon the threshold of a new era for the cause of education, and especially denominational education. The objections and prejudice against it are rapidly dying out. If any one objects to it, he and his objection are passed, unnoticed by the onrushing crowd in their eager pursuit of knowledge. As Baptists, we certainly stand in the dawn of a brighter day for education in our State. There are many schools of different qualities and grades scattered over our country, and others are springing into existence constantly, and as lovers of education, we rejoice at it. And yet it does seem that we, as Baptist, are not doing our duty to this great cause. How many of these schools and colleges are controlled and managed by Baptist would be difficult to tell. And in many places it would be impracticable for them to try to control them. But your committee feel sure that our Baptist people are not showing that commendable zeal in this cause that other denominations manifest. We need to arouse ourselves on this subject, for too long have we slumbered over it. Shall we, as citizens of this great state that is outstripping all the other states in her rapid development in other things, neglect the education of the youth of the country ? If we do, it will be a grievous mistake, and grievously will we have to answer for it. If we cannot have Baptist Schools, let us work with others for the establishment of better schools, schools equipped with more competent teachers and holding longer sessions.

But as a Baptist Association, we should be more concerned about the education of our rising ministry than anything else. This age of enlightenment and culture demands, the churches, both in towns and in the country, are crying out for more education in the pulpits. The material for noble

preachers is to be found all over the country ; but is in a crude state. There are many young men all over our land whom God has called to preach, but they are so tied down with poverty, they cannot prepare themselves for their life's work. It seems to your committee that our churches are very derelict in their duty just here. We ought to look out these men, and encourage them ; and above all, educate them if they are not able to educate themselves. Oh, that all our business men, to whom God has given wealth, could know that money invested in the brains of a young man called of God to preach his word, would yield the largest and richest dividend known on this earth. This Association is, in the judgment of your committee, not giving by half as much as she ought to this great cause.

One of the great barriers to Ministerial and Denominational Education in general in our state is now removed by the removal of Howard College to East Lake, viz : The great expense of a student a session. The expenses at Howard College next session will not be so large by nearly half of what they have hitherto been. Now surely the Howard, in her new home at East Lake, will overflow with the youths of our land. The Judson, under her new leader, will be crowded with the daughters of our people.

Your committee most respectfully suggest that we, as Baptist, rally around these two noble institutions of learning. Let us send every young preacher to the Howard, and influence every young man we can to seek, within her walls, the instruction she so freely gives. Let it not be another year, that eighty-six of our boys will go elsewhere to get an education. Surely, with expenses reduced to the minimum, with an able, competent faculty, with a location for beauty and healthfulness unsurpassed, and backed by the eighty-five thousand Baptist of this state, there will rise at East Lake the grandest institution of learning in all this land, the Howard College.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. SKIPPER, Ch'man.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Unity Association :

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report :

We congratulate the Association on the rapid strides that the Temperance cause has made within the last few years, and we hope and believe that in a few more years the dram shops in our country will become a thing of the past, and will so remain. The Christians of this land have it in their power to fully destroy the traffic in alcoholic beverages. Several of the counties in our own State have already voted it out, while there is scarcely a county that has not prohibition laws covering a large part of territory ; and our legislators have been very liberal in passing these laws whenever a respectable petition for that purpose has been presented to them. In this way, a very large proportion of the country has become free from this monster evil. The question of prohibition has become a question that is engaging the attention of nearly all right-thinking men, and must, in the end, as the people see the benefits arising from the laws where they exist, become the prevailing sentiment of the people at large. When this becomes the case, the voters will vote out this terrible scourge, which has been more destructive to the happiness and prosperity of our people than all other evils that abound among them.

We are passing laws, both State and Federal, to prevent yellow fever and other pestilential diseases, from invading our land, and for this purpose we are spending large sums of money for the protection of the health and lives of our population ; while, by our license laws we are authorizing an evil that is much greater than all the pestilential diseases that ever have, or ever can, visit our land. This ought not to be. It is the duty of every Christian and every citizen, to take his stand on the side of sobriety, good morals and the

best interests of the community. We are persuaded that no true friend of his country, and especially of the rising generation, advocates the cause of the dram shops. We are gratified to know that at the last session of our Legislature an amendment to the Constitution of the State, prohibiting the sale, etc., of intoxicants, was passed in the Senate by a unanimous vote, but, unfortunately failed in the House for want of a two-thirds vote. The whisky men are thoroughly organized against this movement, and will spend much money to defeat this reformation, and will, no doubt, resort to every means in their power to uphold their unholy and ruinous business regardless of the good of the people, the principles of morals, temperance and religion. It is the duty, however, of every good citizen and especially of every Christian to meet them, and use every honorable means to defeat them in their vile efforts to demoralize and destroy the happiness and prosperity of our country.

From the most reliable statistics obtainable, the cost of alcoholic beverages to the people of the United States is over \$900,000,000, which is much more than the cost of all the bread and meat consumed by our entire population, which large amount is worse than if thrown away, its effects being evil and only evil. Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERSON FALKNER, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to report :

That the Alabama Baptist is still our denominational organ in this State, and that it is still working for the advancement of all the causes dear to our hearts, and therefore it is working for the unification of our denomination in Alabama. Under the present management it is reaching more homes than ever before, and it should continue to do so, until every home and family in our denomination is reached by it. The price is as low as any paper of its size with the same circulation, \$2, we can afford it, and in becoming interested, we can learn more of our denominational interests, and grow in grace.

For our Sunday schools we would recommend "Kind Words" publications. They are publications in which we are all interested, as a part of the profits are used in the Home Mission Work of our Southern Convention.

We would also recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, as being pure in doctrine.

Ford's Christian Repository and many other religious newspapers published in other States, are all good reading for our families, but those particularly mentioned are near and dear to us. We would also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, its price, 35 cents, is low, and in clubs 25cts. Brethren, let us read and find out what our missionaries are doing.

We would also suggest to our Sunday schools to purchase their literature from the State Mission Board at Marion Ala, as thereby we aid our colporteur work.

Respectfully submitted.

W J RUDDICK, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Deceased Ministers, report, that in the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, it hath pleased our Divine Master to spare our brethren in the ministry. None have died. Yet, while the ministry has been spared to us, God has seen fit to remove from among us our beloved brother, J M Clay, who was a strong pillar in the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

J L WILLIAMS, Chairman.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS AND EAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your committæ appointed to look after the aged and infirm minis

ters, their wives and children, beg leave to report that from the best information we can obtain, there are none in the bounds of the Unity Association who are entitled to the benefactions of our Association except Sisters Long-crier and Goss, and Elder C C Billingsly, Sr.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W TAYLOR,
E H PARISH,
WM WILLIS,

Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Your Special Committee report:

We, recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to report at our next session, on family training.

Next we recommend that our Associational Sabbath School Convention convene with the Chestnut Creek Church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in August 1888. And our District meetings as follows: First District Meeting with Harmony Church on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in October 1887. Second District Meeting with the Bozeman church on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in January 1888. Third District Meeting with the Clanton Church on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in April 1888. Fourth District Meeting with Mt. Carmel Church of Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July 1888. That our Moderator appoint a committee on programme for each of these meetings, and that the programmes be published in the Alabama Baptist a month before said meetings are held.

We also recommend the following: Resolved:—That the churches of this Association be requested to appoint delegates to the Sunday school convention, and also delegates to the District Meetings in their respective districts, as well as to the Association, and that they be requested to instruct their delegates to remain at each of those meetings, until the business of those meetings is all disposed of.

Respectfully submitted.

H W WATSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO APPORTION AMOUNT CALLED FOR BY THE STATE BOARD FOR MIS- SIONS AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION TO THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the amount called for by the State Board for Ministerial Educations and for Missions, recommend the following amounts to be apportioned to the churches :

	Missions	Ministerial Education
Shady Grove.....	\$ 20 00	\$ 5 00
Plantersville	20 00	5 00
Bethel	5 00	1 00
Bethesda	16 00	4 00
Harmony.....	16 00	4 00
Autaugaville.....	4 00	1 00
Evergreen.....	12 00	3 00
Big Spring.....	16 00	4 00
Liberty	12 00	3 00
Bozeman	115 00	35 00
Beth Salem.....	4 00	1 00
Shiloh.....	20 00	5 00

Friendship	8 00	2 00
Verbena	100 00	25 00
New Prospect.....	12 00	3 00
Chestnut Creek.....	20 00	5 00
Corinth	12 00	3 00
Providence	24 00	6 00
Cane Creek.....	8 00	2 00
Poplar Springs.....	16 00	4 00
Mt. Zion.....	24 00	6 00
Clanton	32 00	8 00
Mulberry	24 00	6 00
Pilgrim's Rest	8 00	2 00
Randolph	24 00	6 00
Valley Creek.....	12 00	3 00
Mt. Carmel.....	22 00	3 00
Ebenezer.....	24 00	6 00
Collins' Chapel.....	8 00	2 00
Fellowship.....	20 00	5 00
Chestnut Hill.....	4 00	1 00
Sarais	8 00	2 00
Pleasant Grove.....	8 00	2 00
Mt. Olive.....	4 00	1 00

Totals\$672 00 \$174 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MORGAN,
J. E. WHITE,
JNO. PARNELL,

Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 26 45
State Missions.....	27 90
Home Missions.....	18 95
Indigent Ministers.....	2 75
Associational purposes.....	26 45
Ministerial Education.....	6 30
Minutes	62 00
Whistler Church by Bro. A. Andrews.....	5 00
State Missions by Bro. A. Andrews.....	20 00
Amount of collections for Missions.....	8 60
Amount for missions from Friendship church.....	1 30
Am't check Bozeman church for Min. Education tion and Missions.....	40 00

These last two items added by Cl'k by order of As-
Association

\$245 70

Am't of vouchers sent up by churches..... 255 67
Am't of vouchers sent up by Bozeman ch'h... 105 50

Added by clerk by order of Association..... 361 17
Am't of vouchers not sent..... 39 74
Am't of vouchers for Bozeman c'h not sent.. 14 50

Added by Clerk by order of Association..... 415 41

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, Ch'n.

TREASURIER'S REPORT.

K. Wells, Treasurer in account with Unity Baptist Association :		
To cash from all sources	\$204	40
To cash Friendship Ch'h } added by Cl'k by order...	1	30
To ch'k from Bozeman ch) of Association.....	40	00
To am't vouchers seat	255	67
To am't vouchers sent by Bozeman church....	105	50
To am't added by clerk by order of Ass. not sent	39	74
To am't added not sent by Bozeman church..	14	50
	415	41
		415 41
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Total cash and vouchers	\$ 661	10
Cr.		
By am't paid Clerk for Minutes and services. \$	65	00
By am't vouchers.....	415	41
By leaving cash in hand for missions &c	180	70
Respectfully submitted,		
K. W. WELLS, Treasurer.		

ARTICLE OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one—1 Corinthians 8:6; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice—2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—1 Peter 1:2-5; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin—Romans 3:23; 5:12; 3:10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Romans 5:6; John 6:44; Ephesians 2:1-5; 5 Phillipians 2:13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Romans 5:1; Gallatians 2:16-20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away—2 Corinthians 12:9; Collossians 3:4; Romans 8:38-39.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism—Matthew 3:5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 8:38-39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. Acts 17:31; John 5:28-39.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting—Matthew 25:46.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptised, approved by the church and come under the impositions of hands by a Presbytery—1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42-44; 11 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 11:23, 29.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known as "THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

II. The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

III. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

IV. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer—to be elected at each session—who shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in case of the absence of any officer, one *pro tem*, shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

V. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and, as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

VI. Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by the consent of the members in session.

VII. Any church orthodox in faith and practice, which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

VIII. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine or practice.

IX. Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

X. It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

XI. If a difficulty should arise in a church, which can not be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter can not then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

XII. All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported, by letter, to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered an advisory answer.

XIII. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

XIV. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

Amendment to Constitution adopted October, 1886 :

This body, realizing the great value of Sabbath Schools, will hold a Sabbath School Convention annually, within its bounds, at such time and place as may be fixed.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those in the negative, nay. If a division on the question is called for, the decision shall be made by the members rising to their feet.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother address another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
A. Andrews.....	Burnsville.....	Dallas.....	Alabama.
J. Falkner.....	Mountain Creek.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
G. W. Mills.....	Plantersville.....	Dallas.....	Alabama.
C. C. Billingsley.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. A. Mullens.....	Clanton.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
G. P. Olive.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
W. J. Ruddick.....	Stanton.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
T. J. Elam.....	Randolph.....	Bibb.....	Alabama.
W. N. Huckabee.....	Plantersville.....	Dallas.....	Alabama.
Isaac Bice.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. L. Long.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. R. Caldwell.....	Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	Alabama.
J. R. Johnston.....	Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	Alabama.
J. H. Ray.....	Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	Alabama.
Hardy Jones.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
L. G. Skipper.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
H. W. Watson.....	Randolph.....	Bibb.....	Alabama.

LICENTIATES.

W. W. Jones.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Thacker.....	Jumbo.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Dennis.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
A. G. Patrick.....	Kincheon.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
John Taylor.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
W. M. Wood.....	Lily.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Kailen.....	Callierville.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
T. J. Billingsly.....	Kincheon.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Todd.....	Maplesville.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
E. L. Manning.....	Kincheon.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.

UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S STATISTICS FOR 1887

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE OF CHURCH CLERKS.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Member- ship.	SUNDAY SCHOOL				Names of Ch'ches organized during year.		
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Preaching Sab- baths.		Reports Prayer Meeting.	Revival Reports.
Autaugaville.....	Autauga.....	Wm DeBardelaban.....	Autaugaville.....	Autaugaville.....	7		1					1		7							Mt Olive July 27 '87,
Bethel.....	Autauga.....	J M Selman.....	G W Weaver.....	Vine Hill.....	20	1			5	4				12							23 Members.
Bethesda.....	Autauga.....	J H Ray.....	J H Bates.....	Independence.....	40					1			2	37	6	40					
Beth Salem.....	Chilton.....	I Bice.....	B T Patrick.....	Kinchcon.....	6	17	12	+1	1					37						1	
Big Spring.....	Autauga.....	W N Huckabee.....	J C Butter.....	Billingsley.....	92	1		1		2		1		91	6	49			1		
Bozeman.....	Autauga.....	J Falkner.....	W A B Falkner.....	Bozeman.....	81	3	4			3	1		2	82		50		2-4			
Cane Creek.....	Chilton.....	W J Bone.....	G W Vines.....	Jumbo.....	46	3	2		1	2	1			49				1		1	
Chestnut Creek.....	"	J L Long.....	A J L Dennis.....	Coopers Station.....	86	2	1	2	1	4			1	87	*12	50	12			1	
Chestnut Hill.....	"	J W Mitchell.....	D H Mitchell, Clerk Pro tem.	Maplesville.....	33									33				1			
Clanton.....	"	A E Burns.....	J H Aldridge.....	Clanton.....	69		3			1			1	70	11	1 00					
Collin's Chapel.....	"	W G Riggins.....	Jas A Parker.....	Strasburg.....	63		17	1					1	80	6	40		2	1	1	
Corinth.....	"	J L Long.....	W D Goss.....	Verbena.....	64	14				2		7		69	4	40					
Ebenezer.....	"	G W Mills.....	Jas A Stephens.....	Dixie.....	90	1	2		3	6				90	5	45		1-3			
Evergreen.....	Autauga.....	W N Huckabee.....	J H Apperson.....	Milton.....	37	11	4			1			1	50	3	60		4	1		
Fellowship.....	Dallas.....	W J Ruddick.....	J W Williams.....	Morrowville.....	1 41	14	7			4			2	1 56	3	16		3			
Friendship.....	Elmore.....	Hardy Jones.....	Joel McDennis.....	Verbena.....	91					11			1	79				1	1		
Harmony.....	Autauga.....	W N Huckabee.....	G W Taylor.....	Milton.....	63	1	2	1		3		1		63							
Liberty.....	Autauga.....	J H Ray.....	W R Brassell.....	Wadsworth.....	1 09					12	2		4	91	7	20					
Mt Carmel.....	Chilton.....	W J Ruddick.....	W W Sanson.....	Maplesville.....	65	11	10	2		1			1	86	4				1	1	
Mt Olive.....	Perry.....	T E Taylor.....	R S Ham.....	Adler.....	23	5	4							32							
Mt Zion.....	Chilton.....	A E Burns.....	D H Mullins.....	Jumbo.....	102	1	4			5	1			1 01	10	40		2			
Mulberry.....	Chilton.....	J M McCord.....	J L Williams.....	Randolph.....	95	13	1	3	1	3			2	1 08	8	50				1	
New Prospect.....	Autauga.....	J Falkner.....	B M Rawlinson.....	Bozeman.....	15	3	4							22					1	1	
Plantersville.....	Dallas.....	G W Mills.....	P M Moore.....	Plantersville.....	41	1				2				40				1			
Pleasant Grove.....	Chilton.....	H W Watson.....	J H Shoulty.....	Maplesville.....	54		1			2				53							
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Chilton.....	T E Taylor.....	J M Patrick.....	Kinchcon.....	32	9	1		6	5	2			41				2-4		1	
*Poplar Springs.....					36									36							
Providence.....	Chilton.....	W G Riggins.....	Riley Roberson.....	Coopers Station.....	1 31		3		1	4	3		1	1 27				3			
Randolph.....	Bibb.....	G T Lee.....	T M Henley.....	Randolph.....	60		1			7	1			52				4	1		
Sardis.....	Chilton.....	T E Taylor.....	Lee Hayes.....	Maplesville.....	23	2	1	2		1			1	26					1		
Shady Grove.....	Dallas.....	W N Huckabee.....	C A Arnold.....	Selma.....	41					1		3		37	3	30		3			
Shiloh.....	Chilton.....	G W Mills.....	W I Mullins.....	Kinchcon.....	1 28	3	1			10	2		2	1 18	4	20		2	1		
Valley Creek.....	Dallas.....	G W Mills.....	T M Cook.....	Plantersville.....	34	6				2				38	10	30					
Verbena.....	Chilton.....	L G Skipper.....	A J Brooks.....	Verbena.....	90	11	11			5				1 07	12	75	50	1-3		1	
Totals.....					20 98	1 33	97	13	19	1 02	15	10	26	2 207	1 14	8 55	62		9	9	

Totals.....

*Last Report, †Vouches.





TIME AND PLACES OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF THE ASSO- CIATION FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shady Grove.....	J. R. Sartor.....	B. B. Smith.	J. N. Gradick..	J. Nunn.
1856	Plantersville.....	A. C. Patillo.....	B. B. Smith.	J. I. Lamar ..	J. Nunn.....
1857	Mulberry	A. Andrews.....	B. B. Smith.	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.....
1858	Kingston.....	D. M. Lloyd ...	J. D. Moodie	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.....
1859	Harmony.....	J. H. Ray.	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.....
1860	Ebenezer.....	J. D. Moodie ...	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.....
1861	Chestnut Creek..	W. Wilkes.....	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar...	L. B. Parker
1862	Bethesda	A. Andrews.....	I. U. Wilkes	A. L. Haralson	L. B. Parker
1863	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1864	Randolph .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1865	Plantersville. ..	A. Andrews.....	A. Andrews.	W. R. Grandy	L. B. Parker
1866	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1868	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1869	Bethel.....	A. Andrews.....	A. Andrews.	W. C. Adair..	L. B. Parker
1870	Mt. Hebron.....	W. Lee.....	A. Andrews.	W. C. Adair..	L. B. Parker
1871	Mulberry	J. Allen.....	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair..	L. B. Parker
1872	Chestnut Creek..	W. Lee.....	A. Andrews.	J. L. Williams.	W. C. Adair
1873	Big Springs.....	J. A. Mullens...	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier	W. C. Adair
1874	Plantersville. ..	G. W. Mills....	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1875	Mt. Zion	W. Lee.....	Wm. Lee. .	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1876	Ebenezer.....	J. A. Mullens...	Wm. Lee..	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1877	Harmony.....	A. Andrews. ...	Wm. Lee ..	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1878	Chestnut Creek.	F. M. Vines ...	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells. ...
1879	Fellowship.....	A. L. Blizard.	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1880	Bethesda	G. W. Mills.....	J. Falkner...	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1881	Mulberry	H. E. Longcrier.	J. Falkner...	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1882	Shiloh	A. Andrews.	J. Falkner...	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1883	Randolph	G. W. Mills....	J. Falkner...	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells....
1884	Harmony..	W. N. Huckabee	J. Falkner ..	T. M. Henley.	K. Wells....
1885	Friendship	J. A. Mullens...	A. J. Brooks.	T. M. Henley.	K. Wells....
1886	Clanton	Hardy Jones....	A. J. Brooks.	T. M. Henley.	K. Wells....
1887	Plantersville. ...	J. Falkner.....	A. J. Brooks.	T. M. Henley.	K. Wells....

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